GET NS Board of Management
Agreed Report, 08-05-2012

Chair: Michelle Thunder

Attending: John Callaghan (Parent Nominee)
                Lynnea Connolly (Patron Nominee)
                Paul Dillon (Community Representative)
                Emmett Hickey (Staff Nominee)
                Catherine Sadlier (Principal, Secretary)

Apologies: Karen Flynn (Parent Nominee)
                Steve Thomas (Community Representative)

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1) General

- It was agreed to avail of a new offer of photographs for 1st and 6th class, with one free photo of each child supplied and the option to purchase more.

- A series of music workshops has been approved for 2012/13. These workshops are designed to equip teachers to continue musical work with their students in the future.

2) Correspondence

- The Board received a letter of resignation from teacher Naomi Gough, we are very sorry to see her go and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

3) Policy

- Final changes to the Healthy Eating Policy have been agreed and the revised policy will be ratified at or before the next meeting.

- The Code of Behaviour is currently being reviewed by staff; a draft will then be prepared by the Board and circulated to the Parents' Association Committee and Student Council for their input before being finalised.

- A number of minor changes to the Admissions Policy were agreed at the request of the School Inspector.

4) New Building

▪ Unfortunately, the Department of Education and Skills (DES) has refused our application for prefabs for 2012/2013. This will put us under significant pressure in terms of space for the coming year, until such time as our new building is in place. The Board is working hard to ensure we find the best possible solutions with the resources available to us.

▪ It was agreed to produce a comprehensive Question and Answer document to update the school community on the latest school development news. This document is to be sent home as a bag note and made available from the school office by email or in person (contact@greystoneset.ie).

We will keep you informed of any updates via these reports and the school website: www.greystoneset.ie

5) Ethos

▪ The survey phase of the Ethos Self-Evaluation process has been completed and workshops will be taking place in the week beginning Monday, 28th May.

Two workshops for parents will take place - one on Monday, 28th May at 9.30am and one on Wednesday, 30th May at 8.00pm. The workshops will provide an opportunity for those who are interested to further explore themes and issues around ethos that have been identified in the surveys. Workshops will also be held for staff, pupils and Board members on Monday, 28th May.

The Board would like to thank all parents/guardians, staff and pupils for taking part in this important process.

6) School News

▪ Hearing tests for Senior Infants and Sixth class are scheduled for 9th May.

▪ Open days for Junior Infants will take place on 24th and 25th of May.

▪ A Green School Flag celebration will take place on Friday, 1st June.

▪ Congratulations to teachers Roisin and Louise who together achieved the Discovery Science Award for the school. This will be the third plaque for our wall.

▪ The May staff meeting will be focusing on the new DES Literacy and Numeracy requirements.

- A "Dress up Day" in aid of Barnardos has been approved to take place in the new school year. All of the children will be encouraged to dress up and make a small donation.

- An event will be held before the end of the year in memory of Danny Callaghan. The PA Committee and staff are working on this in consultation with Danny's parents.

- This year we will have our first group of pupils leaving from sixth class. Principal Catherine is planning a "Happy Leaving Fest" to mark this important step. Please email contact@greytoneset.ie if you have any ideas about this or would like to get involved.

The next Board of Management meeting will take place on Tuesday, 12th June 2012.

If you would like to contact the Board of Management, please email getnsboard@gmail.com

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